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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT: Establishment of the School of International
Communism and the USSR**

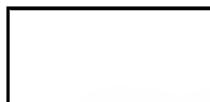
1. It is my intention in establishing the School of International Communism and the USSR to bring together under one roof the most qualified experts in these fields who are presently under the jurisdiction of OTR. It is my hope that the faculty of the School will be augmented, as slots are made available, by additional experts from both within and outside CIA.
2. The faculty of the School of International Communism and the USSR is presently responsible for the course content and instruction on Communism and the USSR in the BOC and for developing new courses in the same fields to expand or replace the old Course on World Communism (CWC). Ultimately, the School can be expected to provide additional courses on Communism and the USSR as required by CIA, other agencies and departments of the U. S. Government, and outside Government.
3. The School of Language and External Training (LETS/OTR) is responsible for offering area training in conjunction with language training and such overall basic area training as the Americans Abroad course and the Basic Survey courses and Regional Survey courses.
4. The Director indirectly has given his approval for an expansion of the Agency's language program. (I say indirectly because he has not yet approved the additional slots required for such expansion.) An expanded language program will require some expansion of related area instruction. The Director has not approved directly or indirectly an expansion of the Area Program as such, and in view of his directives on increases in personnel it is unlikely that he will do so. The DD/S has indicated that the Area Program of OTR will not be authorized additional slots.

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5. In view of the above considerations, I believe we should guide our OTR plans for future development as follows:

a. The primary mission of LETS will continue to be the development of language training and such area training as is an essential part of the language program. Any additional slots for personnel which may be authorized for LETS should be recruited for the above program. Within this concept, LETS will continue to develop area programs as defined in paragraph 3. It will not concentrate on or expand its USSR area programs.

b. As stated in paragraphs 1 and 2, it can be expected ultimately that the School of International Communism and the USSR will be able to offer all courses within its charter except the area instruction connected with language instruction. I would hope that 1 June 1957 would be a reasonable date to plan on. Until that time, the School of International Communism and the USSR will, within its capabilities, provide advanced USSR area instruction on a professional non-language level as it may be required by CIA or other agencies.



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